"(c) The Government dropped the scheme of issue of rations by weight in Madras City. The scheme was not given effect to."

Number of Harijans in the non-gazetted establishment of the Prohibition department in Malabar.

* 1197 *Q.*—SRI M. CHADAYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of Harijans in the categories of Inspectors, Petty officers and Guards in the Prohibition department in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—"The number of Harijans employed in the Prohibition department in the Malabar district in the three categories mentioned in the question is as follows:—

(1) Inspectors—Nil.

(2) Petty officers—3.

(3) Prohibition guards—9."

SRI M. CHADAYAN:—"മലബാറിൽ അനേകം വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം സിദ്ധിച്ച ഹരിജനങ്ങൾ ഉദ്യോഗം കിട്ടാതെ അലഞ്ഞുനടക്കുന്ന വിവരം ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിന്ന് അറിയാമോ? അവർക്ക് കഴിയുന്നിടത്തോളം ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുക്കാൻ പ്രോഹിബിഷൻ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിന്ന് ഗവർമ്മെണ്ട് നിർദ്ദേശം കൊടുക്കുമോ?"

MR. SPEAKER:—"Will any one translate the hon. Member's question?"

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—"The hon. Member wants to know whether the Government are aware of the fact that there are so many unemployed persons among the Harijans of Malabar and whether the Government will see that some of those people are given employment in the Prohibition department."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—"The Government are alive to the need for appointing more Harijans. We will certainly consider their case."

Realignment of the highways.

* 1198 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer to Question No. 536, dated 16th July 1953, whether the Government of India have approved the realignment of the highway as suggested by the Madras Government and by the Chief Engineer of the Highways department?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"After further examination of the proposal, the Government of India have since decided, in favour of the retention of the existing route of the West Coast road passing through Taliparamba as the final alignment of this road."